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SUBJ: CHINA ISSUE IN INTELSAT

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SUMMARY: ECONCOM/MIN CALLED ON FONOFF DIRGEN UN BUREAU
SUZUKI SEEKING GOJ COOPERATION IN PRESERVING TAIWAN'S
ACCESS TO INTELSAT SYSTEM. SUZUKI WILL CONSULT
COLLEAGUES, BUT HE INDICATED UNOFFICIALLY THAT
GOJ WOULD COOPERATE CONSTRUCTIVELY. ECONOCOM/MIN
PROPOSED AND SUZUKI AGREED THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSION
PRIOR TO FEB 4 MEETING BY GOJ AND U.S. REPS WOULD
FACILITATE COOPERATION. END SUMMARY

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1. ECONCOM/MIN CALLED ON SUZUKI, DIRGEN UN BUREAU

FONOFF, JAN 30 TO DISCUSS CHINA ISSUE IN INTELSAT AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATION, ECONCOM/MIN NOTED GOJ MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ROC IN SAME MANNER AS US BUT WE WERE HOPEFUL JAPANESE WOULD WORK ACTIVELY WITH US TO RETAIN TAIWAN'S ACCESS TO INTELSAT AT LEAST AS NON-MEMBER.

2. SUZUKI SAID FONOFF WOULD RESPOND FORMALLY AFTER UN AND ASIAN BUREAU CONSULTATION, BUT HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN WORKING WITH USG IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAY TO PRESERVE TAIWAN'S ACCESS. HE REMARKED THAT INTELSAT SHOULD BE APOLITICAL. SCIENTIFIC DIV HEAD TANAKA, WHO ALSO ATTENDED MEETING, COMMENTED THAT JAPAN WAS MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH TAIWAN THAN US AND GOJ WANTED TO MAKE SURE OF TAIWAN'S CONTINUED ACCESS THROUGH QTE DE FACTO UNQTE SOLUTION. TANAKA SAID IF ISSUE WERE SETTLED ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14 OF INTELSAT NON-GOVERNMENT OPERATING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING QTE TERRITORY NOT UNDER JURISDICTION OF PARTY, UNQTE THIS WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR GOJ. IN THIS CONNECTION, FONOFF IS INTERESTED IN US VIEW OF LEGAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM.

3. ECONCOM/MIN PROPOSED AND SUZUKI AGREED, SINCE WE SHARE SAME BASIC OBJECTIVE, THAT FONOFF INSTRUCT ITS REP TO ASSEMBLY, AMBASSADOR OGISO (AT UN), OR ALTERNATE, MINISTER KOSUGI (GOJ EMBASSY WASHINGTON) TO CONTACT DEPARTEMENT FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION PRIOR TO FEB 4 MEETING DURING WHICH SUCH QUESTIONS AS LEGAL ASPECTS OF PROBLEM COULD BE EXPLORED.

4. EMBASSY WILL CABLE FONOFF'S FORMAL REPLY. BUT IT IS CLEAR GOJ WILL WORK WITH US ON THIS ISSUE AS CONSTRUCTIVELY AS POSSIBLE WITHIN LIMITS IMPOSED BY RELATIONS WITH PRC. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCURS IN CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO FEB 4 MEETING.
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